**TYPES OF SOCIAL WORKERS**

There are many different types of social workers but here are three examples of the type of work that they do.

1. **Child, Family and School Social Workers** help children, families and the elderly work toward resolving their problems. They help place children in foster care and assist parents looking to adopt. They connect struggling parents with resources to help better care for and raise their children.

They work with students and teachers to address bullying, learning disabilities and other problems. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, child, family and school social workers are the most common kind of social worker.

2. **Medical and Public Health Social Workers** help the seriously ill and those with chronic health problems to find adequate care, access public resources like medicare and medicaid, and find services like nutrition classes and nursing care.

They often play a key role in helping clients to navigate and coordinate the numerous health care and public service systems that provide care together. Medical and public health social workers also offer counseling to clients and their families about coping with the effects of illness.

3. **Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Workers** help people with a wide variety of mental health and substance abuse problems. Therapy is one common way for social workers to help clients address those problems.

Helping people to find financially accessible rehabilitative programs or long-term mental health care is another way. Mental health and substance abuse social workers may also participate in outreach and preventative programs, which seek to locate people in need and address problems before they become dire, respectively.